



The Worship of God ✦ September 10, 2023 ✦ The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

312 West Main Street ♦ Post Office Box 649 ♦ Ahoskie, North Carolina 27910  
[www.fbcahoskie.org](http://www.fbcahoskie.org) ♦ (252) 332-4003 ♦ [office@fbcahoskie.org](mailto:office@fbcahoskie.org)

*The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.*

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 10, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Alex Britton & Mr. Corbett Britton, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Brayden Conboy

In love and joy God calls us together.

**And so we meet this day,  
as friends and neighbors,  
as sisters and brothers in Christ.**

Called together by God, we bring our offerings to God:

**Our hearts and minds, our songs and prayers, our lives in service.**

Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love.

INTROIT

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*  
The Vocal Ensemble

arr. Joel Raney

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Conboy

+HYMN OF PRAISE 8

*Glorify Thy Name*

GLORIFY THEY NAME

✠ ✠ ✠

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Thompson

People of God, what is our prayer for these children?

**Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,  
full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.**

✠ ✠ ✠

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-7

Rev. Thompson

In Pew Bible, pages 236 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson



+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Carolyn Arrington

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 5:17-26

Rev. Dr. Dennis Bazemore

In Pew Bible, pages 76 & 77 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Holding Up YOUR Corner*

Dr. Bazemore



INVITATION

*It is our tradition to offer a time of response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.*

+HYMN OF RESPONSE     *Christ, You Call Us All to Service*

HOLY MANNA

Christ, You call us all to service, call us all who follow You.  
Plant in us a deep commitment, all Your work and will to do.  
Fire a passion for Your justice, in us kindle love of peace;  
help us heal the brokenhearted, to the captive bring release.  
Teach us how to work together, brothers, sisters, side by side,  
equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied.  
To each one some gift is given, man or woman, young or old--  
help us use each skill and talent Your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife,  
seeking ways more just of sharing and of ord'ring human life.  
Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be;  
send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

## +CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

*As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

## RECESSIONAL OF THE LIGHT

## PIANO POSTLUDE

*Please be seated for the postlude.*

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Russell P. and Emma A. Martin by Whit Powell & Chris Powell.*

---

## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

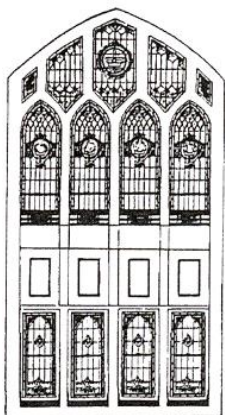
Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
*Associate Pastor*

Mr. Brayden Conboy  
*Youth Minister*

Rev. Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore  
*Interim Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom  
*Pastor Emeritus*

Mrs. Leah Newsome  
*Music Associate/Pianist*



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

September 10, 2023

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

---

## ✠ Worship Notes

♦ **Interim Pastor** – *The Rev. Dr. Dennis Bazemore began his ministry with us as Interim Pastor on September 1. During the week he will be in the office on Wednesday afternoons. Dr. Bazemore is a native of Ahoskie who was discipled in the Christian faith right here at FBCA. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Campbell University, a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania. He returned to Campbell University in 2003 to head the Office of Student Life. He retired in the summer of 2022, and with his wife, Linda, moved back to Ahoskie.*

## ✠ Childcare During Worship

We give thanks for those caring for our young ones today in Extended Session while we worship:

Ages 1 & 2: Joyce Leary & Taylor F. Rose

Ages 3 & 4: David & Elizabeth Davis

Kindergarten: Melanie Byrum & Winnie Matthews

## ✠ Chairo Music Ensemble – Begins Today

Sundays from 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the Choir Room

Students in grades 4-12, and adults of all ages are invited to sing praise & worship music and global church music approximately one Sunday a month. The name “Chairo” is a transliteration of the Greek word χαίρω, which means “to rejoice.”

## ✠ Youth Group Gathering Today

On September 1, 2023, Brayden Conboy began his ministry with us as part-time Youth Minister. He invites all students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades to join him for a supper meeting today at 5:30 PM, at the home of Jamie & Rick Burns, 140 Forest Dr., Ahoskie. Contact Jamie at (252) 332-9461 with questions.

## ✠ 2023-2024 Nominating Committee Report Corrections

The Nominating Committee Report was approved by a church vote on Sunday, August 27, 2023. Please make the following corrections in your report booklet and let us know of any additional corrections that are needed.

Audio & Visual Services: add Brandon Zoch

Bereavement Committee: remove Larry Matthews

Ushers & Greeters: remove Spencer Matthews, add Larry Matthews

## ✠ Women's Bible Study | September 14, 2023 | 10:30 AM

A Women's Bible Study will begin on September 14, 2023, at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will start with “Bad Girls of the Bible,” by Liz Curtis Higgs. Meetings will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays. Invite your friends—it's not just for FBCA women! Questions? Contact Jayne Frei at (757) 478-6194.

## ✘ Churchwide Mission Project | September - October 1, 2023

*We are collecting school supplies for the 7 elementary schools in our association. A collection basket is located in the missions closet across from the kitchen. Items needed:*

- Marble Hardback Notebooks
- #2 Pencils
- Gift Cards for Teachers
- 1 Subject Notebooks

## ✘ WMU Group 2 Meeting

*In September only, WMU Group 2 will meet on the second Tuesday, September 12, 2023.*

## ✘ In Sympathy

*We offer our sympathy to Caroll & Suzanne Newbern, Perry & Sarah, in the September 5 passing of Caroll's mother, Brenda Newbern. A memorial service was held on Friday, September 8.*

## ✘ Pastor Search Committee

*Let us pray for the members of our Pastor Search Committee as they prayerfully begin the search for FBCA's next pastor. They are Don Joyner, Claudia Morris, Ashlee' Perry, Mary Page Pierce, Chuck Revelle, Cheryl Slachta, Jim Wiggins, and Lee Wilson*

## ✘ Looking Ahead

### ◆ Monday, September 11

3:00 PM Church Staff Meeting

5:45 PM Girl Scouts

### ◆ Wednesday, September 13

5:15 PM Children's Music & Missions

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

### ◆ Thursday, September 14

10:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee

### ◆ Friday, September 15

8:30 AM Christian Women's Job Corps, The Gathering Place

---

FBC Ahoskie holds a copyright license (20520822 Size B) and a streaming license (20520815 Size B) with CCLI, account 1577531. We also hold a copyright license with One License, A-609881.